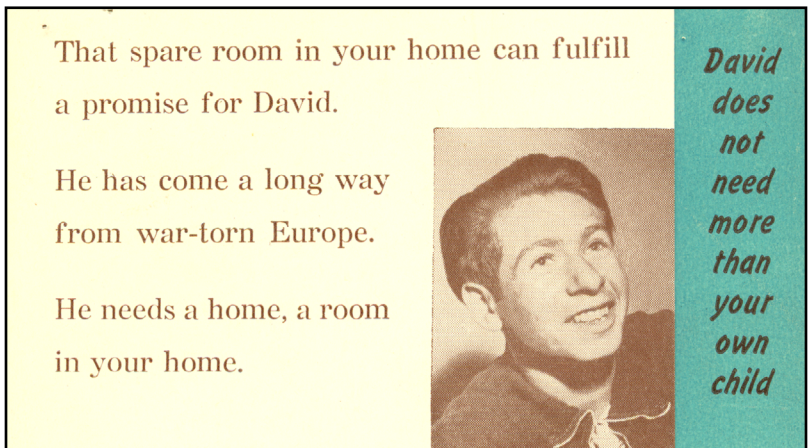


# IMMIGRATION TO CANADA ACTIVITY

The **War Orphans Project** was an initiative established in April 1947 by the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) to bring orphaned Holocaust survivors under the age of eighteen to Canada. In 1947, the CJC convinced the Canadian government to re-issue Privy Council Order 1647 — which in 1942 had advocated, too late, for bringing orphans from Vichy France to Canada — thereby allowing one thousand Jewish children under the age of eighteen to enter Canada. Between 1947 and 1952, 1,123 young Jewish refugees, including Maxwell, came to Canada.

**STEP 1.** Examine this advertisement for the **War Orphans Project**



Brochure from the Canadian Jewish Congress asking families to take in war orphans, 1948. (Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives)

**STEP 2.** Who is the audience for this advertisement? What strategies does the advertisement use to appeal to the audience?

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**STEP 3.** Read Maxwell’s chapter “Canadian Refugee” (page 113-124) or view his recollections [Coming to Canada](#) and [Alone in Canada](#). What were Maxwell’s hopes for his life in Canada, and what was the reality like?

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**STEP 4.** Maxwell writes about his arrival in Canada: “I was never asked to tell the story of how I had survived because no one was interested.” Now that his story is published for people to read, what can Canadians learn from Maxwell’s experiences during the Holocaust?

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